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fleshing this out a little more. Does the state have any....
May I ask him a question or two or three?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham, would you respond?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So we have any state cemeteries now that
we're operating?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: In a sense, Wyuka, and that's in the
statutes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But it must be self-supporting 'cause I see
no budget item on that.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: There is a...Wyuka has a trust, yes, but it
was established originally as a state cemetery. It's really
quite an unusual set of circumstances because you'll find a set
of discreet statutes that actually deal with Wyuka.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I do recall that now that you mention it, but
I was...if we do not do this, what...you said McPherson's about
full?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If we did not do this, what are the options?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm concerned, I will just tell you, long
term getting the state in the long-term operation of a cemetery.
That's the issue or two. That's my concern.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah, well, Senator, that's the reason this
is structured in the way it is, because what's contemplated is
that first you give the Department of Veterans Affairs authority
to develop the plans, the specifications, the proposal that
would later come to the Appropriations Committee, that would
have to come to you with details about how the construction cost
was going to be financed. Right now, as I've indicated, that